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SUBJECT: VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS OF SOMALI PRESIDENT BARRE

REF: THE HAGUE 4846

1. DURING HIS VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS SEPTEMBER 5-7,
SOMAIL PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE MET WITH THE QUEEN, WITH PRIME
MINISTER VAN AGT, AND WITH THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(VAN DER KLAUW) AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (DE KONING).
HE VISITED THE FOKKER AIRCRAFT FACTORY, ROTTERDAM, AND THE
PROVINCE OF FRIESLAND. AND, ON THE EVE OF DEPARTURE, HE
RECEIVED A BLONDE DUTCH BEAUTY QUEEN WHO HAD BEEN ONE OF THE
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PASSENGERS ON THE LUFTHANSA JET HIJACKED TO MOGADISCIO LAST
OCTOBER AND ACCEPTED HER THANKS FOR HAVING ALLOWED THE FRG
ANTI-TERROR SQUAD TO STORM THE PLANE.

2. THE DUTCH PRESS REPORTS THAT SOMALIA WILL NOT BE PLACED
ON THE PRIORITY LIST OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR (SUBSTANTIAL)
DUTCH AID, BUT THAT SOMALI REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC AID PROJECTS

WILL BE CONSIDERED. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, BARRE EXPLAINED SOMALIA'S DISPUTE WITH ETHIOPIA OVER THE OGADEN DESERT TO HIS HOSTS. UPON DEPARTING, HE TOLD REPORTERS HIS THREE-DAY WORKING VISIT WOULD STRENGTHEN COOPERATION BETWEEN SOMALIA AND THE NETHERLANDS.

3. SCHWARTZENBERG OF THE MFA NORTH AFRICA SECTION TOLD US THAT EVERYTHING HAD GONE ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE; THE MFA HAD ANTICIPATED ALL OF BARRE'S REQUESTS AND "LECTURES", AND HAD BEEN READY WITH ANSWERS. WHEN WE ASKED WHAT THESE REQUESTS AND ANSWER WERE, SCHWARTZENBERG SAID THAT WE WOULD GET A REPORT NEXT WEEK, AS SOON AS THE OTHER EC-9 PARTNERS HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON THE VISIT. (COMMENT: WE WILL FOLLOW UP NEXT WEEK, BUT FIND THIS MID-RANKING DIPLOMAT'S RESPONSE AN INTERESTING COMMENT ON THE EXTENT OF DUTCH/EC-9 COOPERATION ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.)

4. A SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL (DE HOOP SCHEFFER) TOLD THE DCM THAT AT ONE OF THE KEY MEETINGS BARRE HAD MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDING OFFICIALS. DE HOOP SCHEFFER SAID HE DID KNOW THAT BARRE HAD MADE A LONG STATEMENT ABOUT SOMALIA'S DIFFICULTIES WITH ETHIOPIA, BUT HE DID NOT THINK ANYTHING PARTICULARLY NEW HAD BEEN SAID.
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